GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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Exploration of Natural Gas
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Focus Energy Limited (FEL) is doing exploration of natural gas at Ramgarh in Rajasthan near Pakistan border;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the terms and conditions of the allocation of the said Block;
(c) whether FEL provides/proposes to provide gas to the Power Plant at Ramgarh and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether there are huge surplus gas reserves and FEL intend to lay pipeline to take/supply Gas outside Rajasthan; and
(e) if so, the details thereof along with any proposal under consideration of the Government to lay Natural Gas grid to connect major cities of Rajasthan particularly Western Rajasthan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN):
(a) & (b) The block RJ-ON/6 falling in Jaisalmer district of the State of Rajasthan was awarded in year 1993 under the Pre-NELP exploration bidding to M/s Phoenix Overseas Limited, now renamed as Focus Energy Limited (FEL), along with ONGC as Licensee. Later on, FEL transferred a portion of its Participating Interest (PI) to its two affiliated companies and retained balance 10%. The contractor is producing natural gas and condensate from this block and has submitted the Field Development Plan (FDP) for two more discoveries. The terms and conditions of the contract are as per the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) signed with the Contractor.
(c) FEL is supplying 0.98 MMSCMD gas to GAIL for onward supply to the Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd. (RRVUNL).
(d) & (e) Estimated balance reserve in the block is to the tune of 26.49 MMT (Oil + Oil Equivalent to Gas (O + OEG). Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) on 23.06.2015 has informed about the submission of an Expression of Interest (EOI) from FEL for Laying, Building, Operation or Expanding Natural Gas Pipeline from Langtala, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan to Mehsana, Gujarat. The State of Rajasthan is connected with two existing gas pipelines of GAIL, i.e., Vijaipur-Kota-Chottorgarh as a spur of HVJ main line and Chainsa-Jhajjhar-Hisar gas pipelines. Further, PNGRB in the year 2011 has authorised GSPL India Gasnet Limited (GIGL) and GSPL India Transco Limited (GITL) to develop the Mehsana-Bhatinda natural gas trunk pipeline and Mallavaram − Bhopal − Bhilwara via Vijaipur to connect major cities of Rajasthan.
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